

## THE BANNER YEAR.

Tuskegee's Annual Report Shows a Flattering Increase and most Startling Results—Twenty-eight Industries and Students from Many States and Climes—The Friends of Industrial Education Rally in a most Substantial Way—Oratorical Contests and Blind Tom—Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.—The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute has just closed its twentieth year—one of the most successful in its history. During the past year merchants, bankers, educators, eminent divines and men who are prominent in nearly every walk of life have honored with their presence the man who has come up from slavery and have seen with their own eyes the city that he has "built upon a hill."

In point of attendance and buildings erected the school has outstripped all previous records. In all the departments 1442 students have been enrolled—representing many of the Northern states, all of the Southern, Cuba, Porto Rico, the Bahamas and Africa—and 709 officers and teachers. Besides the academic, Bible training and nurse training departments there are 28 different industries and every department seems to be infused with new life. Especially have the draughtmen, brick makers, brick masons, plasterers, plumbers, tinsmiths, carpenters, painters

were given diplomas from that department. The Bible Training School has been in operation only eight years but in that time it has done much to raise the standard of the colored ministry. The present class like those of previous years, is "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" nor the gospel of labor either. Each one is able to earn an honest living without depending entirely upon the ministry. Mr. W. C. Cleland, Newberry, S. C., one of the graduates, is also a full fledged agriculturalist. Seventy-one students are enrolled in this department, representing six denominations but the methodists and Baptists are in a great majority. The annual address to the Bible students was delivered by Rev. E. P. Johnson of Atlanta, Ga., and all who heard him conceded that it was one of the strongest the school has been favored with. His subject was "Moses the Great and Safe Leader."

Tuesday night there was a carnival of oratory, the occasion being the Sixth annual contest for the Trinity church, Boston, prizes established by Rev. E. Winchester Donald, rector of Trinity church, Boston, Mass. The first prize is \$25 and the second prize is \$15 for the best oration on either of the following subjects: (1) Industry as Related to Character, and (2) Education as Related to Civic Prosperity. There were six contestants but the honors were carried off by T. B. Neely of South Carolina (1st prize) and R. H. Fleming of Tennessee (2nd prize). These speaking was of a high order and each contestant reflected much credit on Prof. C. W. Wood, the head of the department of Elocution and Oratory. High enthusiasm prevailed throughout the evening and this enthusiasm was accentuated by the appearance of "Blind Tom" at the conclusion of the speaking. Blind Tom is now touring the South and the school arranged to have him appear before the students after his regular concert in the town of Tuskegee. His ability to imitate on the piano every musical instrument from the bass drum to the pipe organ as well as his exquisite rendition of selections from the masters is truly marvelous.

Wednesday afternoon the Trustees held their annual meeting, at which time Principal Washington and Treasurer Logan submitted their annual reports. The Principal's report was ordered printed for general distribution. The following is taken from the report of the Treasurer: Total cash receipts \$298,415.00. Of this amount \$100,000 was set aside for current expenses, nearly \$100,000 has been added to the Endowment Fund which now amounts to \$250,000, the balance to buildings, equipment and the balance to past indebtedness. The students have paid in labor, towards their expenses \$66,898.43. They have paid in cash \$14,603.78.

Thursday, May 30, was the closing day of the commencement exercises and it would seem that every mule in Marion county was on the grounds to catch the inspiration of the occasion. Fully 5,000 farmers with their wives and children were present, many arriving as early as four o'clock in the morning after a drive of from 25 to 40 miles. A special train came up from Montgomery, Ala., in the early morning bringing several hundred visitors many of whom were the most prominent citizens of both races of that city. All of the forenoon was devoted to exercises in the class rooms, and exhibits in the workshops and agricultural building, and as might be expected the latter place was the mecca for the farmers. There they were shown all the latest agricultural implements and were told of their advantages over the old "bull-tongued" plow and other implements of antiquity. There they saw and admired the school's fine breed of chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, hogs, sheep, blooded horses and were amazed at the grace, ease and rapidity with which the cows were milked, the cream separated from the milk and the cream made into tempting cakes of butter by the dairy machinery. All of the machinery on the grounds is run by steam and a farmer was heard to say that he meant to send his son to Tuskegee Normal's school so he could be "educated by steam."

In the afternoon at two o'clock the immense chapel was literally packed by students, teachers and visiting friends to witness the graduating exercises of the normal and industrial classes. Trade certificates were awarded to 60 young men and women, 43 of whom received also diplomas from the Nor-

mal department. The class salutatorian was F. H. Cardozo, (Orangeburg, S. C.), the valedictorian was H. R. Patterson, Belpre, Ohio. The other speakers of the graduating class were: E. H. Carry, Victoria, Texas, B. V. Holman, New Orleans, La., and J. C. Jordan, Americus, Ga. The subject of the valedictorian was "Doing, Not Dreaming" and he treated his subject very effectively. His parting words to the Principal, officers teachers, students and class-mates were especially touching.

The diplomas and certificates were awarded by Principal Washington who in impressive language charged the class to carry into the world the spirit of Tuskegee, which is not selfishness but service.

There was no commencement orator as heretofore but addresses were had from distinguished visitors among were Rev. E. P. Johnson of Atlanta, Ga., Bishop Harris of North Carolina and Rabbi E. B. Messing of Montgomery, Ala. The latter was especially felicitous in his remarks. His address showed depth of thought as well as liberality of heart.

One of the unique features of the exercises was the presentation of a Bible to R. H. Patterson, the valedictorian by Rabbi Messing on behalf of Mr. Gassenheimer, a member of his synagogue.

The singing of the students throughout commencement week has been soul refreshing and much credit is due Prof. Harris for the careful training he gave them. A white lady from Montgomery was so well pleased with the singing that she made known her wish to give \$25 towards a pipe organ for the chapel whenever the school decides to purchase.

Everything passed off without a hitch or jar and no one could witness such exercises as have just closed without feeling that "it is better father on."

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steam and electrical engineers and cabinet makers, been exceptionally busy, for within the past year they have drawn the plans and manufactured the material for a modern cow barn, a commodious industrial building for girls and a beautiful and well appointed dormitory for girls which they have erected. The latter building is heated by steam, lighted by electricity and furnished by our cabinet makers. The hospital building and the Carnegie Library, the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, are well under way and very soon ground will be broken for other buildings to be erected.

The financial standing of the institution is excellent. For the first time in many years the treasurer is able to meet every obligation of the school and the endowment fund has risen from a little more than \$100,000 of last year to \$250,000.

The closing exercises for the year began Sunday morning, May 26th, with the Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. Dr. Landrum, pastor of the First Baptist church of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Landrum is of the opposite race but deeply interested in those to whom his race owes so much. In this respect he is not unlike his father who had a theological class of colored men in the dark days of slavery. His sermon was strong, uplifting, inspiring and and his impressive words to the graduating class will not soon be forgotten. With voice full of emotion he told them that as they had received much, much would be expected of them, therefore to always rely on Christ as the source of their strength.

Monday evening was given up to the graduating class of the Bible Training School at which time four young men

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